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Copy # 3**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, Manufacturing and Service Division, ORR**ATTENTION:** **FROM:** Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

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SUBJECT: Salekhard to Igarka Rail Line, USSR**REFERENCES:** Requirement No. ORR/61/63
Project No. C 331/63

1. This memorandum is in response to the referenced requirement requesting a study of recent photography to determine the status of the rail line from Salekhard to Igarka.

2. The status of this rail line as observed on various missions of photography is as follows:

a. The line appears to be complete from Salekhard (66-32N 66-34E) to the west shore of the Nadym River (65-33N 72-42E) opposite the village of Nadym. Operational status of this line cannot be determined due to photo scale, however, no rail traffic or rolling stock were apparent on any of the photo missions covering this segment.

b. There is no bridge or railroad ferry at the Nadym River crossing.

c. The rail line is under construction from Nadym (65-34N 72-44E) to a point on the Khabitose River at 65-43N 74-12E, 37.5 nautical miles (nm) ENE of Nadym, where construction ends.

d. There is no indication of construction eastward from the Khabitose River to 65-57N 82-00E on any of the photo coverage over this area.

e. Starting at 65-57N 82-00E, segmented clearings for the right-of-way are apparent to approximately 66-04N 83-48E. On comparative photo coverage between there is no apparent change in these cleared segments.

f. From 66-04N 83-48E to Igarka (67-28N 86-36E) the rail line is in various stages of construction. Several of the bridges are in on the segment from the east side of the Yenisey River at 66-36N 86-20E to Igarka, however, it appears that they are being utilized as highway bridges. There is no bridge or indication of a railroad ferry across the Yenisey

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River at Yermakovo (66-35N 86-13E). Comparative photo coverage over this section between [redacted] again indicates no apparent change.

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3. The absence of rail traffic along the completed segment of this rail line (Salekhard to Nadya River) and the lack of progress in construction along the unfinished segment (Nadya to Igarka) indicates that this railroad construction project was abandoned sometime prior to mid 1961.

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5. Map references utilized for locations were:
World Aeronautical Chart 94, 3rd ed., Feb 56; World Aeronautical Chart 95, 3rd ed., May 52, Scale 1:100,000.

6. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted]
He may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have further questions regarding this project.

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